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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer or small business owner who supports broadband competition.

I was first connected with Sonic through DSL technology over unbundled AT&T copper lines. Now they are building their own gigabit fiber network to many locations as quickly as they can. Today one third of Sonic customers are connected with Sonic fiber. That's how the 1996 Telecommunications Act is supposed to work: enabling competitive market entry and encouraging new network deployment.

But AT&T and their trade association, US Telecom, have recently petitioned the FCC to take away access to critical unbundled network elements. These unbundled elements are critical last-mile copper and inter-city fiber; the very technology that allowed Sonic to grow, expand fiber deployment, and compete. Without access to this infrastructure, Sonic is at risk of losing access to a huge portion of their customer base, leading to potentially higher rates, less fiber deployment, and even less options for consumers.

Should this occur I would be forced to find a different provider for two reasons: (1) I live at a far enough distance that I might not be able to be accommodated, and (2) I am not able to afford a price increase.

Sonic needs continued access to copper as a bridge to fiber so they can connect me and others to the fastest, most affordable internet available.

Therefore, I urge you NOT to grant AT&T and US Telecom's petition to take away access to critical unbundled network elements.

Thank you.

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